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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : IHC Inventory of Community Information Handling Systems

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1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on IHC's updated Inventory of Community Information Handling Systems.

2. I believe that a project such as this should be useful in two ways:

1. As a rather detailed compendium for system users.
2. To provide managers with a feel for capabilities and resources invested.

3. The Inventory you have developed thus far, together with proposed detail descriptions of the system files, should serve the first purpose quite well. To satisfy the second, I suggest a brief overview be written (either as an introductory chapter or as a separate management document) which describes, in aggregate terms:

- a. The information handling capability of the Community (e.g., number of computers, core sizes, processing capacity).
- b. Current level of investment and operating costs, in terms of dollars and man-years of effort (both operation and support,) contract vs government-owned facilities, etc.
- c. Projected expansion and modernization in terms of cost and added capability to be acquired.
- d. Information handling deficiencies, duplicate systems, systems (both hardware and software) requiring major upgrading.

4. In sum, the management summary ought to provide the DCI with a view of what exists within the Community, what it costs, what it buys and where it's headed.

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